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FOR THORNTON (S/P) FROM SIMONS

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SUBJECT: ORIENTAL INSTITUTE MATTERS

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1. DARRYL AND I SAW GANKOVSKIY OCT 19, NOT LONG AFTER HIS RETURN FROM FIVE WEEKS OF VACATION IN THE CAUCASUS WITHOUT LILLY. HE WAS RESTED, BUT GLUM, WITH SOME REASON.

2. NOT ONLY IS HE NOT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE (WE PASSED ON DEAN HOWELLS' STUDY WITH THE APPROPRIATE COVER LETTER, FOR BOTH OF WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL), BUT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BERKELEY SEMINAR, CHARACTERISTIC AND SAD IN THEMSELVES, MAY ALSO HAVE CAST A LIGHT PROFESSIONAL PALL OVER HIM.

3. AS HE EXPLAINED IT, PETROV OF THE FAR EAST INSTITUTE GOT TO SCALAPINO IN BERKELEY THIS LAST SPRING, AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO MOSCOW WROTE A LETTER TO THE ACADEMY SUGGESTING EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF AND SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN LEO ROSE'S SEMINAR. GAFUROV'S IDEA HAD BEEN TO TAKE THE HEALTHY SOUTH ASIAN ROOT STOCK FROM THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO MEXICO CITY UP TO BERKELEY WITH HIM FOR THE SEMINAR. SINCE PETROV'S EXPANSIONISM HAS WON THE DAY, GAFUROV HAS IN EFFECT WASHED HIS HANDS OF BERKELEY: YURIY SAID THAT NEITHER GAFUROV NOR HE WOULD

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ATTEND, THAT THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE JUNIOR TYPE FROM

THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE, AND THAT HE HIMSELF WAS GOING OFF TO PAKISTAN FOR A SCHOLARLY CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF JINNAH'S BIRTH. HE ALSO HAD SOME UNKIND WORDS FOR THE PROSPECTIVE QUALITY OF THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION IN BERKELEY.

4. I HAVE NOW RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF OCT 14 WITH THE LETTER AND INVITATION TO HIM ENCLOSED, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE AM AT SOME LOSS WHAT TO DO WITH IT. ADVISE AS TO WHAT EXPLANATION, IF ANY, I SHOULD ACCOMPANY IT WITH IF YOU STILL WANT IT DELIVERED. THE EAST ASIA CONCENTRATION IS NOT OF HIS DOING, ON THE CONTRARY.
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